



S. C. Commission on Higher Education

May 2, 2002 Meeting

Highlights



Please note the following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting.

Commission Announces Palmetto Fellows Day at the Statehouse



On May 15th, the Commission will honor this year's recipients of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. This scholarship is the state's highest scholarship program with recipients being required to have a 3.5 GPA, a 1200 SAT score, and be in the top 5% of their sophomore or junior class. The scholarship will have a value between \$5,000 and \$7,500 (the amount has yet to be finalized by the General Assembly). The day's activities will include opportunities for recipients to meet with members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Governor.

The culminating event will be comments from the Governor on the south steps of the statehouse at 4:00, followed by a reception on the statehouse grounds.

Commission Announces Upcoming Conference on Trusteeship



The Commission will host the S. C. Conference on Trusteeship on October 3rd and 4th at Clemson University's Madren Center. A training session for new trustees will take place the afternoon of the 3rd. The full conference, facilitated by the Association of Governing Board's Center for Public Higher Education Trusteeship and Governance will take place on the 4th. Trustees and College presidents from both public and private institutions are invited to attend

Mr. Dalton Floyd Jr.
Chairman

Commission Approves Licensing Requests



Dr. Larry Jackson
Commission Member

As the state agency charged with providing licensure to non-public higher education institutions, the Commission reviewed and approved several licensure requests for initial licensure, along with license renewals and amendments. Provided below are the categories of activity and the respective institutions.

For further information relating to the specific actions taken for a particular institution, please contact Renea Eshleman at the Commission offices.

Initial License Requests:

Beacon College and Graduate School, Columbus, GA, at Spartanburg:

A.A., Biblical Studies; B.A., Biblical Studies; M.A., Biblical Studies;
M.A., Practical Ministry; M. Divinity, Divinity

Troy State University, Troy, AL at Charleston and Sumter

M.Ed., with concentrations in Educational Leadership; Instructional Technology;
Criminal Justice; Counseling and Psychology
M.S., Management with concentrations in Healthcare Management; Human Resources
Management; and Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness
M.S., Human Resources Management
M.P.A., with concentrations in Public Management and Public Personnel Management

License Renewal Request:

Webster University, St. Louis, MO, at Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach:
M.A., Business (except Greenville); Computer Resources and Information Management;
Counseling; Health Services Management (Columbia campus only); Human Resources
Management; Management
M.B.A., Computer Resources and Information Management; Health Services Management
(Columbia campus only); Human Resources Development; Management

Requests for Amendments to License:

ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, IN, at Greenville and On-Line:
B.S., Technical Project Management for Electronic Commerce

Requests for Renewal of License and Amendment to License:

South University, Savannah, GA, at Columbia:
B.S., Legal Studies; Associate in Accounting, Business Administration, Computer
Information Systems, Medical Assisting, Paralegal Studies; Certificate in Paralegal Studies
(License Renewal Request)
Associate in Information Technology; B.S., Information Technology; B.B.A., Business
Administration (Amendment to License)



Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Commission Member

Commission Hears Report on Grants Program

The Commission received the Annual Report for S.C. Instructional Technology Grants Initiative. The report provides an overview of this \$500,000 grant program funded by the General Assembly. Eighteen institutions received a combined 47 grants for technology based and distance education courses.

For more information, please contact Lynn Kelley at the Commission offices.

Commission Approves Capital Project Activities

The Commission approved \$29.5 million in interim capital projects and lease requests involving several college campuses. Eight different projects, along with three leases, from five institutions were considered and approved for consideration by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the Budget & Control Board. A complete listing of projects and leases is provided below:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
College of Charleston	Purchase 207 Calhoun	\$ 1,500,000
	New Library Construction	\$4,500,000
	Stern Student Center Renovation	\$600,000
	Simons Center for the Arts Expan.	\$14,000,000
Winthrop University	Tennis Complex Construction	\$700,000
Greenville TC	New Student Intake Center	\$ 3,000,000
	Northwest Campus Land Acq.	\$2,290,000
SC TC System/Midlands TC	Constr.Whse/Renov. Fire Acad.	\$2,900,000

<u>Leases</u>	<u>Annual Amt.</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clemson University	Lease Research Bldg. from SCRA	\$ 1,832,000/yr - 20yr
College of Charleston	Lease Academic Space from SCRA	\$216,000/yr - 5yr
	Lease Space in Jewish Studies Bldg.	\$98,000/yr - 5 yr

During the meeting, the Commission also approved the first year of institutional Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIP). The total amount of projects included in all institutional CPIP's is \$182.8 million. As a change in the state's procedures for approval of capital projects, the previously used Overall Permanent Approval Plans, and the Annual Permanent Improvement Plans have been replaced with the new Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans process. In this process, institutions submit plans for current and future year's capital projects for consideration as a comprehensive package. This allows for an efficient review and approval process. Projects not included in this process are reviewed individually on an interim basis (for example see other projects included in this Highlights).



Dr. Rayburn Barton
Executive Director

Dr. Palms visits Commission for Farewell Comments:



Dr. John Palms
President, USC

Dr. John Palms, President of the University of South Carolina System since 1991 visited with the Commission to share his thoughts and observations on higher education in South Carolina over the past decade. Dr. Palms expressed his appreciation for the fine working relationship he has had with the Commission and stated that he feels confident that the next USC president will work to continue those efforts. During his comments, Dr. Palms noted a few of his achievements at USC, including significant increases in research activity and moving USC towards membership in the American Association of Universities (AAU). He also noted that there is still much work to be done, especially in the areas of obtaining AAU membership, and establishing USC as a premier research institution. The Commission members thanked Dr. Palms for his leadership and contributions toward the improvement of higher education in South Carolina.